

Applicant: Siegfried EBNER et al.

Claim 17, line 1, delete "and 16";

Claim 18, line 1, delete "claims 15 to 17",  
insert --claim 15--.

#### REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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